

Remarks

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2007. Claims 1-33 were pending and were subject to a restriction requirement. After entry of this Response, claims 1 and 3-12 remain pending for consideration, with claims 2 and 13-33 being currently withdrawn from consideration.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Claims 1-12, drawn to a trowel blade, classified in class 15, subclass 235.4

Claims 13-33, drawn to a method of providing an interface between a trowel blade and a removable handle, classified in class 76, subclass 119.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the group identified by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-12.

The Office Action further required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species, identified by the Examiner as species: 1) FIGs. 1A, 1B; 2) FIG. 1C; 3) FIGs. 3A, 3B and 4; and) FIG. 5B.

Applicant further elects, without traverse, the species identified by the Examiner as Species 3), FIGs. 3A and 3B, the claims readable thereon being generic claims 1 and 7 and claims 3-6 and 8-12.

Conclusion

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1 and 3-12 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Response, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call the undersigned at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No extension of time is necessary to timely file this response and no claims have been added here: it is accordingly believed that no fee is due herewith. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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